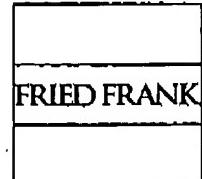


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Serial No.: 10/603,501 Art Unit: 1651
Filed: June 24, 2003 Examiner: Afremova, Vera
For: METHODS FOR ENLARGING Attorney Docket No.: 31110-0003
THE DIAMETER OF AN
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Applicant respectfully requests an updated filing receipt reflecting the amended title of this application, the mailing address of Applicant's current representative, the new docket number, and the domestic priority claimed by Applicant, and to correct a typographical error in the inventor's name.

The title of the invention was amended in the Reply filed on September 30, 2005 from (old title): SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR OPENING OBSTRUCTED BIOLOGICAL CONDUITS to (amended title): METHODS FOR ENLARGING THE DIAMETER OF AN ARTERY OR VEIN IN A HUMAN SUBJECT.

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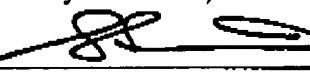
The inventor's name is "F. Nicholas Franano" but was mistyped by Applicant's representative in the transmittal sheet as "Nicholas F. Franano" and appears on the previously issued filing receipt as "Nicholas Franano".

This application claims the benefit of Nonprovisional Application No. 09/669,051, filed September 24, 2000 and of Provisional Application No. 60/155,938, filed September 24, 1999 by virtue of an amendment to the specification, dated September 24, 2003, which specifically referenced those earlier-filed applications. See § 17B of the Transmittal Letter dated September 24, 2003. (For the convenience of the Office, a copy of § 17 of the Transmittal Letter is attached hereto.)

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Title

Systems and methods for opening obstructed biological conduits

Methods for enlarging the diameter of an artery or vein
in a human subject

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NOTE: See 37 CFR 1.78.

17. Relate Back

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(complete the following, if applicable)

[X] Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line, the following sentence:

A. 35 U.S.C. 119(e)

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[] "This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No(s):

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B. 35 U.S.C. 120, 121 and 365(c)

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[X] "The nonprovisional application designated above, namely application
09/669,051, filed September 24, 2000, claims the benefit of U.S.
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